GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:332
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EXTRACTION OF LIGNITE
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether a huge reserve of lignite has been found at Garl, Kapurdi and Jalipa in Barmer district of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, whether the Government have drawn up any comprehensive plan for the extraction of Lignite in these areas; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

a) Yes sir. The details furnished by Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. are given below:-

S.No.	Block	Geological Reserves (In Million Tonnes)
1.	Giral	101.90
2.	Kapurdi	150.40
3.	Jalipa	316.28

b) & c) Giral block is already operational and M/s RSMDCis mining lignite at Giral from May' 1995. A proposal for its expansion is under examination. Kapurdi and Jalipa blocks have already been explored and the government has received a proposal for allotting these blocks to an Independent Power Producer (IPP) for power generation.The proposal will be processed after the IPP produces a n in- principle clearance from the Ministry of Power and clears or agrees to clear the exploration charges to Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.